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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Typically, slave processors 14, 16 and 18 are programmable state machines that control the flow of data retrieved from a data port or bus. For example, slave processor 14 may control the transmission and retrieval of data on a WAN (wide-area network) and slave processors 16 and 18 may control the transmission and retrieval of data on LANs (local-area networks), such as 10BaseT and 100BaseTx Ethernet networks.--

In the Claims:

Add claim 31-40.

31. Circuitry to determine at least one queue parameter for a process to be run on a system, said at least one queue parameter to be used to configure one or more queues, said circuitry comprising:

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